GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2866
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2006
SETTING UP OF GRAMIN VYAVASAYIK KENDRAS
Patle Shri Shishupal Natthu;Rawat Shri Ashok Kumar;Shiwankar Shri Maha Deo Rao;Yadav Shri Kailash Nath Singh

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governmenthas set up Gramin Vyavasayik Kendras in all Panchayats;

(b) if so, the number of such centres set up during the year 2005-06;

(c) whether the matter has been discussed with industrial experts and industrialists regarding implementation of this scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has made any assessment in this regard;

(f) whether the Government proposes to give category-wise panchayat award for the best performance in this field; and

(g) if so, the total amount to be sanctioned to Zila Panchayats, intermediary panchayats and gram panchayats for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) and (b): Under the Gramin Vyavsayik Kendra (Rural Business Hubs) initiative, 31 MOUs have so far been signed between Panchayats and Corporates in the public and private sectors. The Union Government with the help of State Governments, Panchayats, the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) and other similar organizations, has identified 846 potential products and the blocks in which Rural Business Hubs (RBH) will be promoted on the basis of Memorandum of Understanding(MOU) between key stakeholders for ensuring development of the RBH in a set time trame, covering every facet of product development, ensuring quality, value addition, market access and securing better prices. Their present prospects are being pursued in consultation with the cn. So far, 73 bu~iness houses located by the CII have expressed their interests in further exploring the prospects for specific RBH.

(c) and (d): Yes Sir. Rural Business Hubs (RBHs) is ajoint initiative of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII). CII and its member companies, other associations of industrial houses, financial institutions, etc., are associated at different stages of identification, planning and implementation of the hubs. Following identification of 846 potential Rural Business Hubs, 73 expression of interests have been received trom different CII member companies, other industries and financial institutions for setting up RBHs in different states. The state specific lists of identified potential RBHs and expression of interests of companies have been fQrwarded to the State Governments concerned for arranging interaction and exchange of ideas between the Panchayats and the corporate or promotional bodies and for facilitating the finalization of Memoranda of Understanding between stakeholders for setting up RBHs.

(e): No Sir, though progress has been reviewed at many stages.

(f) and (g): No Sir. There is no proposal under consideration for giving category-wise panchayat award for the best performance in the field of Rural Business Hubs.